

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 742  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jonathan Kasper on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people ages six to twenty with an educational program geared toward character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Jonathan Kasper, after considerable hard work and preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of proud parents Margie Kasper and John Kasper, Jonathan has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, he began his illustrious scouting career as a member of Cub Scout Pack 66, under the able guidance of Mike Candebat and Richard and Susan Moore; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan earned his Bobcat badge on October 29, 1991; his Webelos badge on February 8, 1992 and his Arrow of Light designation on February 20, 1993; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Cub Scouts, he earned 3 compass points, all 20 activity pins and 5 belt loops for Skating, Marbles, Music, Physical Fitness and Baseball; and

WHEREAS, he also earned the prestigious Parvuli Dei Emblem from the Catholic Church during his Cub Scout years; and

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WHEREAS, as an active participant in the excellent Webelos program, Jonathan hiked for the first time; he made trips to Shiloh and Fort Pillow and attended his first resident camp at Kia Kima in the summer of 1992; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1993, Jonathan joined the Boy Scout program as a member of Troop 415, which was under the capable leadership of Ken Poleski; and

WHEREAS, he earned his Boy Scout badge on May 17, 1993; his Tenderfoot badge on June 21, 1993; his Second Class Scout designation on December 11, 1993; his First Class Scout designation on May 14, 1994; his Star designation on December 12, 1994; and his Life Scout designation on July 24, 1995; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary record of accomplishment as a member of the Boy Scouts includes 41 Merit Badges in First Aid, Cooking, Leatherwork, Archery, Emergency Preparedness, Salesmanship, Skating, Citizenship in the Community, Weather, Swimming, Space Education, Astronomy, Woodcarving, Rifle Shooting, Basketry, Camping, Home Repairs, Oceanography, Forestry, Lifesaving, Indian Lore, Motorboating, Horsemanship, Environmental Science, Small Boating Sailing, Soil and Water Conservation, Fishing, Reptiles and Amphibian Study, Personal Management, Citizenship in the Nation, Shotgun Shooting, Wilderness Survival, Waterskiing, Family Life, Communications, Canoeing, Rowing, Pioneering, Aviation, Citizenship and the World, and Safety; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated superb leadership as the Shooting Sports Assistant at Tallaha in 1996; as Patrol Leader for his new Troop, 410, which under the commendable leadership of Danny Casperson; as Senior Patrol Leader, as a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow; Elangomat; Den Chief for Pack 415; Archery Assistant; and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, his Eagle project, which was completed on February 21, 1998, benefited his community and Tennessee and reflected the finest traditions of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, because Jonathan has overcome much adversity in his young life, it is most appropriate that we should pause to specially recognize this fine young man as an exemplary role model and one of the best and brightest young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate and honor Jonathan Kasper on becoming an Eagle Scout, and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, duly inscribed with the sentiments of this body, be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copies.